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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 AND AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicants respectfully submit this Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Applicants note that on December 10, 2003, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal, which was received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 12, 2003. However, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(d), Applicants respectfully request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office withdraw the Appeal to the Board and reopen prosecution of the present application before the Examiner.

As noted below, claims have been amended, canceled and added by this Response. In summary, two (2) dependent claims have been canceled without prejudice, two (2) new independent claims have been submitted, and a total of 8 overall claims have

been submitted as new. As a result, the application will now contain 2 additional independent claims and 6 overall claims beyond those for which fees have already been paid in the application. The commissioner is authorized to charge the required additional fees, in the amount of \$280.00 (2 x \$86.00, and 6 x \$18.00) to Deposit Account No. 01-0857; Order No. 00AB183/ALBR:0080/YOD/VYA. Additionally, please charge to Deposit Account **01-0857** the sum of \$770.00 for the RCE fee and \$110.00 for a one-month extension fee for a total of \$880.00. With the \$110.00 fee, Applicant hereby petitions to extend the period for submitting the Request for Continued Examination for one (1) month(s), from February 12, 2004 to March 12, 2004. Thus, total charges for the present filing should be \$1,160 (\$280.00 + \$110.00 + \$770.00).

However, at any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account **01-0857** pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.25. Additionally, please charge any fees to Deposit Account **01-0857** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees.

In light of the following remarks and amendments, reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.